GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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USE OF ANIMALS FOR DISSECTION PURPOSES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned the use of live animals in dissections and other experiments in educational and research institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the instructions issued in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has suggested any alternative to be adopted by the students and institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these guidelines are likely to come into force ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) However, use of animals in experiments in regulated as per Chapter 4 of The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960 and rules framed under the Act.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) In view of Clause 17(d) of the PCA Act, 1960, this Ministry has requested Ministry of Human Resource Development vide letter dated 13th January, 2012, to direct all institutes / establishments associated with teaching of Medical, Pharmacy and other Graduate / Post Graduate Courses in Life Sciences to follow the Guidelines for discontinuation of dissection and animal experimentation in the universities / colleges and introduce alternatives to animal experimentation.

(e) These guidelines are under implementation as on date.